Town of Greenwich

Board of Selectmen Special Meeting February 27, 2018 10:30 AM. Gisborne Meeting Room

APPROVED MINUTES

1. The meeting opened at 10:33 A.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

- a. Attendance:
 - I. First Selectman Peter J. Tesei Present
 - II. Selectman John Toner-Present
 - III. Selectman Sandy Litvack-Present

2. New Business

a. Renewal of two cell phone tower leases at The Griffith E. Harris Golf Course – Parks & Recreation Director Joe Siciliano.

Mr. Siciliano was accompanied by Assistant Town Attorney Aamina Ahmad. Mr. Siciliano explained that he needs Board approval of the two leases so that he can submit a Municipal Improvement request to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

He also provided a history of the cell towers dating to 1993. The towers have antennas for the Town's emergency radio communications system, Verizon and AT & T. The 25-year lease with Verizon has expired.

Mr. Siciliano said the proposed 20-year lease with Verizon has a \$41,520 annual rent.

Mr. Litvack questioned how the rental fee was determined. Mr. Siciliano said it is a fair market rate.

Mr. Litvack questioned why there is a 2% annual rent increase. Mr. Siciliano said the increases keep the rent in fair market value.

There was discussion about the revenue funds being placed in The Griff's revolving fund that is based upon a Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) decision.

Mr. Siciliano said that both leases are nearly the same amount and there is language providing for the Greenwich Police, Fire, Public Works and Parks & Recreation departments to all be involved with maintenance, operation and modifications to the facilities.

Capt. Mark Kordick expressed some concern over access and maintenance because the Town has spent about \$450,000 for equipment and is completing work on a \$14.2 million radio project that will be done next year. He also said the Town maintains various radio antenna sites throughout Town.

Mr. Litvack asked how the rent compares with other towers. Mr. Siciliano said that the rent for the tower at the Boy Scout reservation is approximately the same amount.

Mr. Litvack made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Toner, to approve the lease with Cellco Partnership, dba Verizon Wireless. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Mr. Toner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Litvack to

approve the lease with AT&T. The vote to approve was unanimous.

3. Adjournment

Mr. Litvack moved to adjourn at 11:09 A.M. Upon a second by Mr. Tesei, the Board voted 3-0 in favor.

Peter J. Tesei First Selectman

Prepared by Barbara A. Heins Recording Secretary